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Re: 582-509A West Germany
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Dear Bill:

We have received an Official Action in the above-identified application and enclose a photoprint copy of the same, along with a copy of the British patent cited by the Examiner. The British reference, you will note, is one of your own patents.

The Examiner has again rejected the application indicating that he thinks the invention lacks inventive height.

Response to the Official Action must be filed not later than February 1, 1974 and accordingly, we would like to have your instructions about December 15, 1973 if possible.

Very truly yours,

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